

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 155

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dianne McPeake on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Dianne McPeake is one such estimable person who has served the Tennessee High School Rodeo Association with distinction for many years; Mrs. McPeake served as Tennessee State Secretary for twenty-two years; and

WHEREAS, she has recently taken a much deserved retirement from her position with that esteemed organization; and

WHEREAS, before being named State Secretary, Dianne McPeake was Rodeo Secretary for several years; in her first year as State Secretary, she was elected Rookie Secretary of the Year; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, she was honored as the National Secretary of the Year; since 1998, she has also served as the National Finals Announcer's Secretary; and

WHEREAS, Dianne McPeake was also one of the charter members involved in establishing the Tennessee Junior Rodeo Association; Mrs. McPeake served as its first Secretary; and

WHEREAS, for Mrs. McPeake, all of her efforts, all of the time and energy she has devoted to rodeo over the years, have been driven by the pride and joy she experiences on seeing children and young adults discover a sense of accomplishment and learn to love the thrill of rodeo competition; and

WHEREAS, in addition, being involved on the national level has allowed Dianne McPeake to make friends and form bonds with competitors, supporters, and organizers from Canada, Australia, and almost all the fifty states; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McPeake has had opportunities to work very closely with some exceptional rodeo riders: for instance, Chad Masters, who began participating in Tennessee Junior Rodeo as an elementary school student and continued through High School Rodeo, went on to win the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association World Championship Team Roping competition; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McPeake originally became involved in Junior Rodeo when her daughter, Jamie, began rodeoing as a kindergartener; now twenty-eight, Jamie attended the University of Tennessee-Martin on a rodeo scholarship and currently rodeos professionally; and

WHEREAS, having served not only Tennessee High School Rodeo but also Tennessee Junior Rodeo and National High School Rodeo, Dianne McPeake has truly distinguished herself in the world of rodeo; and

WHEREAS, the fact that Mrs. McPeake has never received any remuneration for her efforts makes her service all the more admirable; her reward has been the pleasure of working with young people in the rodeo ring; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable careers, Dianne McPeake has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and helping countless young people find joy and satisfaction; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Dianne McPeake our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.